

### --- “Series of 1883” - Sixty Pounds - Blue - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the 60 pound denomination was one of the original denominations in the “Series of 1883” introduced on July 1st. Thus there are *block wmkd* sixty pound 1883 COUPON stamps.

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The catalogue lists the recess printed sixty pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamps as follows:

- RM-303** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers, *long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-303** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers, *long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-303c** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers, *long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-304** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red number controls, *long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub
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| <b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878-1886)  | John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 32,600 copies of “60 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press. |
| <b>4th BABN Contract</b> (1886-1892)  | John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 7,140 copies of “60 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.  |
| <b>5th BABN Contract</b> (1892-1897)  | John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 33,460 copies of “60 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press. |
| <b>5th ABN Supplement</b> (1897-1898) | John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 4,745 copies of “60 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.  |

These latter stamps, actually printed earlier, had remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

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### --- The “theoretical” control number range on the 60 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> - (1878-1886)	32,600	- <b>000001</b> to <b>032600</b>
<b>4th BABN Contract</b> - (1886-1892)	7,140	- <b>032601</b> to <b>039740</b>
<b>5th BABN Contract</b> - (1892-1897)	33,460	- <b>039741</b> to <b>073200</b>
<b>5th BABN Supplement</b> - (1897-1898)	<u>4,745</u>	- <b>073201</b> to <b>077945</b>
	77,945	

### --- The “actual” control number range on the 60 pound blue Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

60 pounds, blue, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. controls	- <b>000011</b> to <b>000713</b>
60 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. controls	- no examples to date
60 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 5 mm. controls	- <b>049049</b> to <b>049965</b>

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--- RM-303c - Sixty Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed on *block wmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. Montreal red control numbers ---

---` Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



The catalogue lists this recess printed sixty pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-303c - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *block wmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers, *long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 60 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract - (1878-1886)

32,600

- 000001 to 032600



★RM-303c CP - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on *block wmkd vertical* mesh wove, 4 mm. control number 000713, with nine 1 pound coupons and an 188\_ stub - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic

000011	RM-303c	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>block wmkd vertical</i> mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons and the stub dated 188_
000043 ★	RM-303c	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>block wmkd vertical</i> mesh wove
000060	RM-303c	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>block wmkd vertical</i> mesh wove
000074	RM-303c	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>block wmkd vertical</i> mesh wove
000702	RM-303c	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>block wmkd vertical</i> mesh wove
000711	RM-303c CP	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>block wmkd vertical</i> mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons - inverted CANCELLED
000713 ★	RM-303c CP	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>block wmkd vertical</i> mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons and the stub dated 188_ stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic letters





★RM-303cn - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, without control numbering  
on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons, and an *188\_* stub

All of the stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic *violet control numbers* seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these stamps were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and in the mid-1880’s respectively. Many examples of the *violet control numbered* stamps are found on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove paper, still others occur on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove paper, which indicates that all of them date from 1883-84.

There are a couple dozen *purple Gothic* control numbered examples in the collection, most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the other stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later than 1900. The second example illustrated below was purchased in California from Betty Walther, a retired collector in Fairfield, who is a friend of Fritz Angst. It is possible that these stamps were prepared as ‘presentation’ sets for noted philatelists. Since the two illustrated below have different control numbers it would seem that more than one set was made.



★ 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, with violet 4 mm. Gothic control *18757*,  
on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove



★ 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, with violet 4 mm. Gothic control *727154*,  
on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove

--- RM-303 - Sixty Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-84 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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The catalogue lists the recess printed sixty pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamps as follows:

**RM-303** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers,  
*long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

**RM-303** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers,  
*long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

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The stamp illustrated below is from the early printing on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove paper, dating from the **3rd BABN Contract**. A control numbered copy is **WANTED!**



★ **RM-303n** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, without control numbering,  
on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

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--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 60 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

**4th BABN Contract** - (1886-1892)

7,140

- **032601** to **039740**

The collection *does not contain* a copy of **RM-303** - the blue sixty pound stamp recess printed on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove, with 4 mm. red controls. **WANTED!** They were probably printed previously and only saw ‘delivery’ under the **4th BABN Contract**.

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--- RM-304 - Sixty Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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**RM-304** - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red number controls, *long wreath* - with nine one pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 60 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)

33,460

- 039741 to 073200

In 1887, at some point in the control run between 032601 and 049049, production was shifted from Montreal to Ottawa, in accordance with the terms of the 4th BABN Contract, and stamps control numbered in Ottawa now user 5 mm. red control numbers. Since the stub date remained 188\_ it seems that no new 189\_ plates were prepared, and that the basic stamp had been printed under an earlier Contract.



★RM-304 - 60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 5 mm. red control number 049674, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub

049049	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049546	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons and the stub dated 188_
049555 ★	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049574	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049577	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049589	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049594	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049632	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049640	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049644	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049647	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049648	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049655	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049674 ★	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with nine 1 pound coupons and the stub dated 188_
049700 ★	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049754	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049729	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049780	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049783	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049807	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove

049816	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049824	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049853	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049854	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049879	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049884	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049950	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049956	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
049973	RM-304	60 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove

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The collection *does not contain* a copy of **RM-304** - the blue sixty pound stamp recess printed on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove, with 5 mm. controls as 'delivered' under the **5th ABN Supplement**. **WANTED!**

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5th ABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	4,745	- <b>073201</b> to <b>077945</b>
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